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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EAID, ENRG, TD

SUBJECT: GOTT UNILATERAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF LNG DISCUSSIONS

1. TRINIDADIAN AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE PHONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AFTERNOON JULY 7 TO SAY THAT THE GOTT INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE IN PARLIAMENT FORTHCOMING GOTT/USG DISCUSSIONS ON LNG. ACCORDING TO MCINTYRE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE JULY 8.

2. ACCORDING TO MCINTYRE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN PARLIAMENT WILL SPECIFY THAT THE TALKS ARE SLATED FOR EARLY AUGUST AND THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FOUR MINISTERS.

3. AMBASSADOR TODMAN QUESTIONED UNILATERAL NATURE OF ANNOUNCEMENT, NOTING THAT IT IS UNUSUAL TO ANNOUNCE SUCH TALKS, INCLUDING DATES, WITHOUT FULL AND PRIOR AGREEMENT ON BOTH SIDES. HE CAUTIONED THAT GOTT COULD BE GOING OUT
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ON A LIMB, AS WE CANNOT SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN EARLY AUGUST AT A LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH THE LEVEL OF THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATION. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE TRINIDADIAN PROPOSALS.

4. MCINTYRE SAID THAT TRINIDADIAN PROPOSALS FOR LNG COOPER-

ATION WITH THE UNITED STATES WILL BE IN HIS HANDS
JULY 8. HE WILL FORWARD THEM TO US IMMEDIATELY ON
RECEIPT. HE ADDED THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THE
PROPOSALS MAKE SELF-EVIDENT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
AUGUST DATE FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO HAZARDED THE
OBSERVATION THAT PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS MAY BE
ENGAGING IN "HIGH DRAMA" FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL
REASONS.

5. REQUEST ASAP ANY INFORMATION OR COMMENTS EMBASSY
MAY HAVE ON ABOVE. VANCE

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